

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Mason, Sr. on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to help special citizens celebrate milestones in their venerable lives; and

WHEREAS, on July 26, 1925, Cornelius Grant Mason, Sr. and Lucinda Mae Chesney were joined in holy matrimony in Knoxville, Tennessee, and since that fateful day this loving couple has shared the joys and sorrows of life's journey, facing the world as one; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Mason are residents of Knoxville and have been highly respected citizens of the community for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mason was born the first of ten children of Uretha Bell and Tip Chesney, Sr. of Knox County; she is a proud mother and dedicated housewife, enjoying gardening, quilting, reading and cooking; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mason was the sixth of ten children of Josephine and Grant Mason of Bearden, Tennessee; before his retirement, he was an expert plasterer and contractor and has always enjoyed gardening, fishing and hunting in his spare time; and

WHEREAS, the Masons exemplify the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of great Tennesseans; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, always ready with a kind word and eager to lend a helping hand to those in need; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Mason are devout Christians and evince their strong belief in the Lord through their active membership at Cherry Street Church of God, formerly the Patton Street Church of God; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's blessed union has produced three children, each of whom has made his or her mark on the world and is highly successful in their own right; the three children are Katherine Mae Mason-Chavis of Nashville, Cornelius Grant Mason, Jr. of Niles, Michigan, and Ervin Edward Mason of Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, the Masons are delighted to be called Grandpa and Grandma by their thirteen grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, eleven step-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, for fifty years this union has endured to stand as a testament to the power of love and family; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as this are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Mason, Sr. of Knoxville upon the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause omitted from such copy.